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## Seminars & Conferences

**Feb 24 - 25, 2004**

**4th Annual International Trusts Forum,**

Crown Plaza, London, Euromoney Seminars,

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**Cross Border Financing,** Toronto, Canada,

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**March 7 - 9, 2004**

**The International Islamic Finance Forum,** Dubai,

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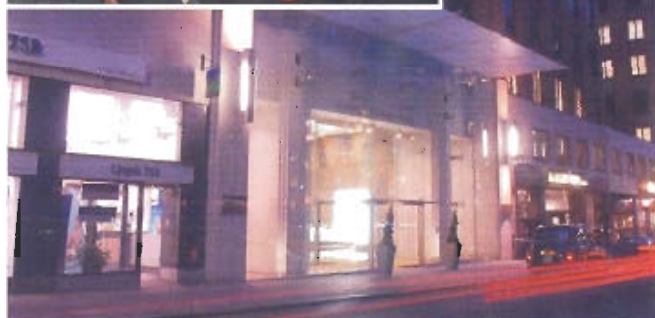
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### Al Tamimi celebrates London office.

Al Tamimi & Company hosted a reception to celebrate the launch of its new London Marketing Office in London last week. The event took place on Wednesday 21 January at Fakhreldine Restaurant in Mayfair, and was well attended by some of the major players in the banking, shipping and property industries, as well as London's top law firms.

The reception marks Al Tamimi's commitment to its European clients and its resolution to maximise and strengthen its existing relationships with UK and international law firms. Among the attendees were Managing Partner Essam Al Tamimi, Partner and Head of Banking Husam Hourani, Partner and Head of Shipping Richard Briggs and Head of Property Lisa Dale.

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## Forthcoming Al Tamimi Events

### Doing Business in Iraq - Legal Issues Seminar – 28 February 2004, Fairmont Hotel, Dubai

Dr Adil Sinjakli of Al Tamimi & Company, Mr. Mohd Hassan Al Qazaz, Chairman of the Baghdad Chamber of Commerce, Mr Sadoon Kubba Managing Director of the Commercial Bank of Iraq and Mr Mouayad Hassan Chairman of the Iraq Business Council and others speak on the legal issues of doing business in Iraq.

### Islamic Banking Workshop – Mon 5 April 2004 in Dubai at Emirates Towers, Dubai

Husam Hourani, Head of Al Tamimi's Banking and Finance Department focuses on 'Legal Techniques for Islamic Finance'.

### Construction Agreements Seminar – April 2004, Dubai

A seminar on the legal aspects of construction contracts for senior officers of construction firms.

### GCC Customs Law Seminars - Mon 17 May 2004, Dubai

A broad-ranging seminar on the various customs laws in the Gulf.

**Speakers:** Essam Al Tamimi, managing partner of Al Tamimi & Company, Mr. Abbas Abdullah - The first manager for international relationships & tariffs - Dubai customs, Dr. Ahsan Abu Al asba - expert on international organization - Dubai customs and Mr Ahmed Dehaimish - value expert - Dubai customs.

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As you will have noticed, our monthly flagship magazine Law Update has a new-look. As of this issue the interior layout also has a new layout. The new design is in keeping with the new Al Tamimi corporate identity. We intend growing Law Update into an even more substantial and valuable publication in the future. Our research tells us that most of our subscribers prefer to receive publications electronically because of the ease with which articles can be saved for reference, consequently we are shifting to electronic publishing however for the foreseeable future we will continue to print law Update in limited numbers but most of you will now be reading this on your desktop. Naturally both Law Update and [iraqbusinesslawupdate](http://iraqbusinesslawupdate.com) will also be posted on our websites, [www.tamimi.com](http://www.tamimi.com) and [www.iraqbusiness.com](http://www.iraqbusiness.com)

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### Ola Dajani

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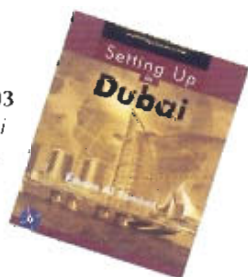


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By Richard Price & Essam Al Tamimi,  
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